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Letter dated 5 August 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 6 November 2013 requesting information on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and to forward herewith the response from the Government of Guyana.

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Annex to the letter dated 5 August 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

1. **Area 1: measures taken to ensure that no support is provided to non-State actors that attempt to develop, acquire, manufacture, possess, transport, transfer or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 1540 (2004)**

Guyana does not manufacture nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, nor does it support the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

Guyana will need assistance, however, with the provision of appropriate technical instruments and training to assist customs officers to detect such substances.

2. **Area 2: adaptation of the legal framework to prohibit proliferation activities, in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 1540 (2004)**

The Ministry of Home Affairs drafted a comprehensive anti-terrorism bill that included legal action to prohibit the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The bill was sent to the Cabinet on 16 December 2010, for further action to be taken by the Attorney General's Chambers.

3. **Area 3: accounting and securing measures, in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 1540 (2004)**

Given that Guyana does not manufacture or import nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 1540 is not applicable to Guyana.

4. **Area 4: physical protection measures, in accordance with paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 1540 (2004)**

Given that Guyana does not manufacture or trade in nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, paragraph 3 (b) of resolution 1540 is not applicable to Guyana.

5. **Area 5: border control and law enforcement measures, in accordance with paragraph 3 (c) of resolution 1540 (2004)**

Guyana adheres to resolution 1540 (2004). The Government of Guyana has in place draft legislation to incorporate the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) into its national laws. Guyana has strict border control measures in place to prohibit the import and export of illegal substances and products. Guyana would not, however, be averse to receiving technical training and equipment from the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

The border control measures of Guyana are mainly designed to counter conventional threats. Law enforcement operatives have been sensitized to take measures to obviate the possibility of Guyanese territory being used to trans-ship nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Meanwhile, as a result of an initiative led by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) in 2013, some plans are afoot to offer enhanced training

in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives terrorism prevention to Police and other law enforcement officials in Guyana.

In 2013, 300 members of the Guyana police force benefitted from such training at the police training college.

6. Area 6: export and related control measures, in accordance with paragraph 3 (d) of resolution 1540 (2004)

Guyana's current export control measures are adequate to address the requirements of paragraph 3 (d) of resolution 1540 (2004) until additional legislative instruments are enacted by the Parliament.

7. Area 7: national coordination mechanisms

The Ministry of Home Affairs is the agency responsible for the coordination of activities relating to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives terrorism prevention in Guyana. Three national anti-terrorism training workshops were organized by the Ministry with support from the Committee and held on 14 September 2010, from 26 to 29 June 2012 and on 7 and 8 October 2013.

In addition, the Ministry of Home Affairs is awaiting the passage of the draft anti-terrorism bill to reactivate the inter-agency committee that had participated in the formulation of that draft bill.

8. Area 8: initiatives, programmes and tools to work with and inform the private sector, in accordance with paragraph 8 (d) of resolution 1540 (2004)

Activities under area 8 will be dependent on the passage of the relevant legislation and the subsequent technical support received from the Committee. The regulatory agencies of Guyana are, however, actively collaborating with the private sector to ensure that national import and export systems are properly applied to prevent the misuse of border control points.

9. Area 9: mechanisms to adopt and review national control lists

The activities under area 9 will be dependent on the passage of the relevant legislation and the provision of technical support by the Committee.

10. Area 10: measures to prevent proliferation financing

Guyana is in the process of strengthening its anti-money-laundering landscape with the expected passage into law of a more robust bill on anti-money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism. That new piece of legislation will strengthen measures to prevent proliferation financing.

11. Area 11: assistance and capacity-building

Guyana would need from the Committee specific training courses and the provision of technical equipment.

12. Area 12: awareness-raising

Raising awareness in Guyana about resolution 1540 (2004) has so far been generally limited to members of the law enforcement community, other regulatory

agencies and some elements of the private sector. There is a need for awareness-raising efforts to be expanded in the private and other sectors of the economy, with support from the Committee and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

13. Area 13: initiatives and mechanisms to review the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and decide appropriate actions

Guyana has been subjected to a number of reviews by the Committee. As recently as 7 and 8 October 2013, Guyana was subjected to a detailed country visit by a team from the Executive Directorate of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

14. Area 14: initiatives, programmes and tools to foster the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in international, regional or subregional contexts

Guyana is collaborating with the CARICOM secretariat in the area of capacity-building, including the training of officials. Furthermore, Guyana supported the preparation of a procedural guidance document on an agreement for the approval of a procedural guide for the control of radioactive materials at control points at a meeting of Ministers of the Interior and Safety of States members of the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR) and associated States held in Venezuela on 8 November 2013.